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To:	Congressman Tom Emmer
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Re:	NRCC February Battleground Congressional District Survey
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1. **Even as President Biden is in the honeymoon period of his administration, Congressional Republicans are in good shape to win the majority as they have an advantage in ticket-splitting districts. Republicans are well positioned to grow their support as voters hear about Nancy Pelosi's socialist agenda.**

   - In the 16 districts that voted for different parties for President and Congress (either Biden/Republican or Trump/Democratic districts) Republicans lead the generic ballot by +8% (45% GOP – 37% Dem).

   - As Nancy Pelosi pushes her partisan, socialist agenda, the Republican advantage will grow because in ticket-splitting districts, 52% want "a Republican who will be a check-and-balance to Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi" versus just 40% who want "a Democratic member of Congress who will help Joe Biden and Congressional Democrats pass their agenda."

2. **There are not enough words to describe just how unpopular and toxic Nancy Pelosi is to voters, including among almost every key subgroup that decides elections.**

   - Nancy Pelosi is the most unpopular elected official in the country, with just a 41% favorable and 52% unfavorable rating, including 45% who are *very* unfavorable to her.

   - In ticket-splitting districts, Pelosi's image sinks to -20% (38% Fav – 58% Unfav), including 51% who are *very* unfavorable.

   - Pelosi is unpopular with almost every key subgroup outside the Democratic base including Independents (-21%), suburban women (-8%), white college graduates (-7%), Hispanics (-3%), and even union households (-1%).

3. **Voters turn against Democrats as they learn more about Nancy Pelosi's socialist agenda and the Pelosi Payoff.**

   - 78% of voters and 77% of Independents are less likely to vote for a Democrat who voted to allow candidates running for Congress to give themselves up to $5 million of public funds to pay for their political campaigns.

   - 62% of voters and 60% of Independents are less likely to vote for a Democrat who voted to BAN states from requiring official identification when people vote.

   - The Democrats' refusal to reopen schools is toxic as 66% of voters say it is safe to send students back to schools in their area. In nearly every major subgroup, more voters believe it is safe to reopen schools than say it is not safe.

   - Since voters believe schools are safe to reopen, they will hold accountable the Democrats who keep them closed. 62% of voters and 60% of Independents are less likely to vote for a Democrat who ignores science while the national teacher unions who bankrolled Democrat campaigns stand in the way of safely re-opening schools and providing our students with the educational and emotional support they need.

- House Democrats' corrupt, $1.9 trillion "COVID-relief" package that provides a bailout to mismanaged state governments is not popular. Just 44% of voters, including just 38% of Independents, agree with Pelosi's Blue State bailout.

- Democrats' go-it-alone strategy on wasteful spending disguised as a stimulus has cost them before. In a February 2009 NBC-Wall Street Journal poll, voters supported the Obama stimulus package by a +23% margin (57% support – 34% oppose). A year later in March 2010, voters thought the Obama economic stimulus package was a bad idea by a 7-point margin (35% good idea – 42% bad idea). Our polling data shows the same thing will happen as voters learn more about the Pelosi Payoff and all the wasteful spending in this so-called "stimulus."

This survey was conducted February 24-28, 2021 among N=1,000 voters across 85 Battleground Congressional Districts, including an oversample in the 16 ticket-splitting districts, with 60% of the interviews conducted via cell phone, 20% via landline and 20% online.